

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 16-17, and 21 have been amended. Claim 6 has been canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 1-5 and 7-21 are pending in the present application.

Claim 1 stands objected to due to a minor informality. Claim 1 has been amended and the informality no longer appears in the claim. Accordingly, the objection to claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jammes (U.S. Patent No. 6,484,149) in view of Gregg (U.S. Patent No. 6,516,416). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “an application gateway server ... comprising: a navigation module for receiving data in a predetermined format and accessing device specific information; a session module for maintaining temporary data associated with the subscriber information said session module interfacing with said navigation module; a rendering module for interfacing with the navigation module, wherein said rendering module interacts with said navigation module to cause said navigation module to reformat said data for said remote access device.”

Claim 10 recites, *inter alia*, “said access and transmission navigating step comprising: compiling subscriber information based on said subscriber information request; assembling and rendering said subscriber information into a device specific format, said device specific format depending on said subscriber device; and transmitting the assembled and rendered subscriber information to said subscriber device; wherein said predetermined format for said subscriber information request differs from said subscriber device specific predetermined format.”

Claim 17 recites, *inter alia*, “a navigation module for receiving from a subscriber device a subscriber information request in a first format, obtaining requested information, and transmitting the requested information to said subscriber in a second format; ... a rendering module for obtaining a device specific formats corresponding to said subscriber device, and provide the device specific format to the navigation module to permit the navigation module to reformat the requested information to the second format; and a session module for maintaining intermediate data required to perform the navigation module functions.”

With respect to independent claims 1 and 17, the Office Action alleges that Jammes discloses each of the recited elements except for the session module. Further, with respect to independent claim 10, the Office Action alleges that Jammes discloses every element of the claim 10. Accordingly, claim 10 should have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) instead of 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

While applicants' representative agrees that Jammes fails to disclose or suggest the session module in claims 1 and 17, it is respectfully asserted that the Office Action is in error because Jammes also fails to disclose or suggest the recited rendering module.

More specifically, with respect to claims 1 and 17, the Office Action alleges that the rendering module is disclosed by column 43, lines 55-64, column 50, lines 1-30, and column 7, lines 15-65. However, none of the recited passages are directed to a rendering module which cooperates with a navigation module to reformat data for a particular access device. For example, column 43, lines 55-64 merely discloses customizing a web page to adjust the content of the web page based on stored shopping patterns to make shopping more convenient to a particular customer. Similarly, column 50, lines 1-30 discloses a technique of determining whether a customer requested a welcome page or had previously placed an order." Finally, column 7, lines 15-65 merely defines the commonly used acronyms of HTML, HTTP, CGI, and ISAPI.

Additionally, as acknowledged by the Office Action, Jaames fails to disclose or suggest "a session module for maintaining temporary data associated with the subscriber, said session module interfacing with said navigation module" (as recited by claim 1) or "a session module for maintaining intermediate data required to perform the navigation module functions" (as recited by claim 17).

Gregg discloses a system and method for controlling access to computer resources over a unsecured computer network using a client hardware key which interacts with software on a server. Fig. 3 illustrates that Gregg includes a session manager, comprising a session initiator, a session validator, and a session terminator. More specifically, the session initiator communicates with a log-in enforcer module, and the session validator communicates with a client authenticator module, a access key validator, and a transaction monitor, while the session terminator

communicates with a usage data server. As further described by Gregg at column 11, lines 19-31 and column 11, line 58 – column 12, line 67, Gregg’s session manager is used to validate login information. Thus, contrary to the suggestion in the Office Action, Gregg’s session manager fails to disclose or suggest a session manger “... for maintaining temporary data associated with the subscriber information said session module interfacing with said navigation module” (as recited by independent claim 1) or “a session module for maintaining intermediate data required to perform the navigation module functions” (as recited by independent claim 17).

Thus, neither Jammes nor Gregg disclose each element recited in independent claims 1, 10, and 17. Further, even if the teachings of Jammes and Gregg could be combined, the resulting combination would not include each element recited in independent claims 1, 10, and 17.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 10, and 17 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. The depending claims (i.e., claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-16, and 18-21) are also believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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